

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF ILO
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has 125 million kids employed in hazardous jobs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that International Labour Organisation sent a list of recommendations to the Government of India to end the worst forms of child labour; and
- (d) if so, the immediate measures taken by the Government to abolish child labour?

Answer

MINSITER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

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(a) & (b): Authentic information on child labour in the country is generated by the decennial census. According to the 1991 census, the number of working children in India is 11.28 million. The State-wise number of working children is Annexed.

(c): The 87th Session of the International Labour Conference (ILC) held in June 1999 unanimously adopted a new ILO Convention No.182 and accompanying Recommendation No.190 concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour. Government has already initiated action for ratification of the Convention.

(d): Government is committed to the goal of eradication of child labour in all its forms. Considering the nature and magnitude of the problem, a gradual, progressive and sequential approach has been adopted to withdraw and rehabilitate child labour. So far National Child Labour Projects for rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work have been sanctioned in 92 child labour endemic districts in the country.